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## **BOGNOR REGIS REGENERATION SUBCOMMITTEE**

A Special meeting of the Regeneration Subcommittee will be held in **The Council Chamber, Bognor Regis Town Hall, Clarence Road, Bognor Regis, on Wednesday 10 December 2014 at 6.00 p.m.** and you are requested to attend.

Members: Councillors Bence (Chairman), Hitchins (Vice-Chairman), Bower, Brooks, Mrs Brown, Evans, Mrs Maconachie, Mrs Madeley and Wells.

## **A G E N D A**

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members and Officers are reminded to make any declarations of personal and/or prejudicial/pecuniary interests that they may have in relation to items on this Agenda.

You should declare your interest by stating :

- a) the item you have the interest in
- b) whether it is a personal interest and the nature of the interest
- c) whether it is also a prejudicial/pecuniary interest
- d) if it is a prejudicial/pecuniary interest, whether you will be exercising your right to speak under Question Time

You then need to re-declare your prejudicial/pecuniary interest at the commencement of the item or when the interest becomes apparent.

### **3 MINUTES**

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 September 2014 (attached).

4 ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA WHICH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING IS OF THE OPINION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

5. PRESENTATION BY THE BOGNOR REGIS TOWN CENTRE MANAGER

Mr Toyubur Rahman will be in attendance to give a presentation on his role as Bognor Regis Town Centre Manager.

6 BOGNOR REGIS REGENERATION POSITION STATEMENT

The Bognor Regis Position Statement is attached for consideration.

(Note: \*Indicates report is attached for all Members of the Subcommittee only and the press (excluding exempt items). Copies of reports can be obtained on request from the Committee Manager or from the Council's web site at [www.arun.gov](http://www.arun.gov) .

Note: Members are also reminded that if they have any detailed questions, would they please inform the Chairman and/or relevant Lead Officer in advance of the meeting).

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1 September 2014 at 6.00 pm

Present: - Councillors Bence (Chairman), Hitchins (Vice-Chairman), Bower, Brooks, Mrs Brown, Evans, Mrs Maconachie, Mrs Madeley and Wells.

[Note: Councillor Evans was absent from the meeting during consideration of the matters detailed at Minute 7 (part).]

### 1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Monitoring Officer has advised Members of interim arrangements to follow when making declarations of interest. They have been advised that for the reasons explained below, they should make their declarations on the same basis as the former Code of Conduct using the descriptions of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

#### Reasons

- The Council has adopted the government's example for a new local code of conduct, but new policies and procedures relating to the new local code are yet to be considered and adopted.
- Members have not yet been trained on the provisions of the new local code of conduct.
- The definition of Pecuniary Interests is narrower than the definition of Prejudicial Interests, so by declaring a matter as a Prejudicial Interest, that will cover the requirement to declare a Pecuniary Interest in the same matter.

Where a Member declares a "Prejudicial Interest" this will, in the interests of clarity for the public, be recorded in the Minutes as a Prejudicial and Pecuniary Interest.

Councillors Brooks and Wells declared a general personal interest in the items on the agenda as members of the Bognor Regis Pier Trust.

### 2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 27 May 2014 were approved by the Subcommittee as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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3. WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed Councillors Brooks and Wells as new members of the Subcommittee.

4. START TIMES

The Subcommittee

RESOLVED

That the start time of meetings for the remainder of 2014/15 be 6.00 p.m.

5. 4BR

The Chairman introduced this item as a matter of urgency as he wished the Subcommittee to be aware that a representation had been received from 4BR and he was of the view that there were a large number of supporters who could bring certain skills and ideas to the table and whose opinions should be considered in future discussions. He formally submitted the letter to the Economic Development Manager and it was agreed that it would also be circulated to all members of the Subcommittee.

6. ENHANCEMENT OF BOGNOR REGIS SEAFRONT

The Assistant Director of Planning and Economic Regeneration (ADPER) presented this report which was based on the findings of the Council's Consultants, Colliers International, in their Vision and Action Plan "Reviving the Concessions on Bognor Regis Seafront" produced in May 2013. He advised that at recommendation (1) section 5.6 should have been referred to rather than section 5.5.

A Seafront Strategy had been adopted by the Council in April 2009 but, due to factors detailed in the report, work to commence any projects had been put on hold. However, the Council was now in a position to develop certain elements of the Seafront Strategy and the report on the table sought approval to commence the process to work towards delivery of some of the schemes outlined. A note of caution was given that money for regeneration schemes was not as available as it once was and that fact had to be borne in mind when bringing forward ideas.

The ADPER highlighted that paragraph 5.2.3 of the Colliers Plan had put forward a proposal to create 'hub' retail zones along the seafront with the express aim of keeping a flow of visitors moving between the two perimeter attractions of Butlins and the Pier. A sum of £250,000 had already been put aside in the Capital budget for a seafront concession hub and it was proposed that up to £50,000 be drawn down to procure architectural/engineering consultancy support to develop a set of costed options and necessary site and ground condition surveys/preliminary design to progress the creation of a 'pilot

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seafront concession hub'. Members were reminded that the amount of space on the seafront was very limited and it might therefore be necessary to look at using the shingle beach as a base for this type of project, which in itself would create some technical challenges due to the dynamic nature of the beach.

The recommendations in the report also proposed that a 'beach on the beach' pilot project be considered for use during the summer 2015 season, subject to feasibility work being undertaken; for consideration to be given to improving the public convenience and showering/changing facilities for the Promenade as a whole; and, subject to funding being available, progress the development of a range of public realm designs for the Promenade between Butlins and the Pier. It was also being suggested that options be explored for the possible relocation of the skate park.

Prior to opening up the debate, the Chairman had requested that a full and comprehensive consultation exercise be undertaken with all interested organisations and the public to ensure that a good range of ideas and options could be explored to make best use of the Bognor Regis seafront and to make it an exciting and attractive destination for visitors and residents alike.

The Subcommittee then participated in a detailed discussion on a number of issues which centred on:-

**'Beach on the beach'** – there was a divergence of opinion on this option as some Members felt it could be a "honey pot" attraction whereas others felt it was a waste of time and money as there was already sand on the beach. However, it was pointed out that the beach (sand) was only accessible when the tide was out, whereas the 'beach on the beach' would be available at any time and would provide a safe environment for young children with their parents. It was agreed that work would be undertaken to see if it was feasible and viable to provide this attraction for the summer 2015 season – it would be a one year pilot in the first instance to assess its success or otherwise. A suggestion was made that recommendation (3) should be amended to seek the use of any revenue budget underspends for this project. As a result it was agreed that recommendation (3) should read

(3) subject to the cost for a preferred option chosen for the 'pilot seafront concession hub' being below the approved budgeted amount, vire up to £20,000 from the Capital budget allocation for the pilot hub to create the 'beach on the beach' **and as an alternative funding source officers be requested to investigate and report to Cabinet any actual revenue savings to the 2014/15 budget that could be utilised to meet the costs of operating a one year trial in 2015 of the 'beach on the beach' project.**

It was further agreed that officers would undertake the necessary work to enable the project to be in place for the summer 2015 season, without going out to further consultation, and that progress would be reported through the Position Statement, which was a standing item on all the Subcommittee's agendas.

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**Skate Park at Esplanade Site** – it was suggested that this site could potentially be used for a restaurant/café facility to provide a similar attraction to that at the East Beach, Littlehampton. However, whilst Members supported investigative work on this, it was stressed that the skate park would need to be relocated to a suitable alternative location as it delivered an essential facility for teenagers, free of charge. It was felt that it would be useful for Members to be provided with information regarding the useage of the skate park and how many young people took advantage of the facility, together with details of potential alternative sites should relocation be eventually agreed.

**Public Conveniences** – it was recognised that such facilities on the seafront needed to be improved

General comments were raised as follows:-

- A concern was expressed with regard to the use of design and engineering consultancy support and a request made that the Council's own expertise should be used where possible.
- It was felt that a number of projects highlighted in the report were in fact covered by the St Modwen brief and therefore there should be no duplication of work.
- Paragraph 2.21 – It was requested that the Seafront Project Officer Group invite two Members to sit on the group, in addition to relevant officers from Arun District Council and Bognor Regis Town Council and the Town Centre Manager.

It was reiterated throughout the debate that ideas must be sought and encouraged to ensure that the Council did not end up with something boring. However, it was also stressed that any options had to be viable as, unfortunately, the financial implications were a significant factor in what could be delivered.

The Subcommittee then

**RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL – That**

(1) a work plan be prepared for the evaluation, feasibility and deliverability of other possible enhancements to the Seafront as listed in section 5.6 of the Bognor Regis Seafront Concession Plan – Colliers International 2013, having regard to the Council's medium term financial strategy and the prioritised Capital programme for 2015/16 and beyond;

(2) up to £50,000 be drawn down from the approved Capital budget allocation of £250,000 to procure architectural/engineering consultancy support to develop a set of costed options and necessary site and ground condition surveys to progress the creation of a 'pilot seafront concession hub'

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(3) subject to the cost for a preferred option chosen for the 'pilot seafront concession hub' being below the approved budgeted amount, vire up to £20,000 from the Capital budget allocation for the pilot hub to create the 'beach on the beach' and, as an alternative funding source, officers be requested to investigate and report to Cabinet any actual revenue savings to the 2014/15 budget that could be utilised to meet the costs of operating a one year trial in 2015 of the 'beach on the beach' project.

(4) the statement that 'improvements to the public conveniences and changing/showering facilities for the Promenade as a whole should be considered as a priority, but also consideration should be given to whether it is more logical for these to be delivered as part of the Regis Centre development and as part of any development on the Gloucester Road car park site rather than stand-alone facilities' be supported;

(5) subject to funding being made available, the development of a range of public realm designs for the Promenade between eastern end (Butlins) and the Pier be progressed'

(6) Esplanade Theatre Site:-

- (a) officers be requested to consider options for the possible relocation of the skate park; and
- (b) officers to report back to the Subcommittee at a future date regarding (a) above and any other relevant and related matters.

## 7. BOGNOR REGIS REGENERATION POSITION STATEMENT

The Economic Development Manager (EDM) presented the Position Statement and comment was made on the following:-

- **Enterprise Bognor Regis:** The EDM was pleased to advise that a planning application for 2 industrial/warehouse units of 40,000 sqm was approved on 27 August, with an additional condition requiring an Employment and Skills plan to be prepared by the occupier. Work on the site would start in the autumn 2014 and the facilities likely to be fully operational by 2016. This was considered to be a significant step forward for Enterprise Bognor Regis as the prestige of the new occupier would have a transformational effect on the regeneration of the town and would attract other businesses to locate in the area. Already feedback had been received that this proposed development had generated new interest from businesses and investors. The Subcommittee considered this to be fantastic news and recognised the importance of Rolls Royce coming to Bognor Regis and thanks were extended to everyone concerned in achieving such an excellent outcome, particularly the planning officers for their hard work and commitment.

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The EDM also highlighted that

- (i) work on the local development order was progressing well and formal consultation would be held early in the New Year. This order would speed up the planning process for potential applicants and make the site more attractive to businesses;
  - (ii) £13m had been allocated in the Local Growth Fund as a contribution to the improvements to the A29. There was significant support from local businesses for these improvements and the successful planning application above was a further reason to improve the road network into Bognor Regis;
  - (iii) the Council had been asked to develop the business case for the north/south link road from the new Bognor Regis Relief Road, which would open up the former LEC airfield site and make better road connections to the seafront, Butlins and the University of Chichester Bognor Regis campus;
  - (iv) the University of Chichester was working with the Council on its plans to extend the Bognor Regis campus, which would include an Institute for Sustainable Enterprise and align with proposals for future phases of Enterprise Bognor Regis.
- **St Modwen** – a significant update would be provided at the Full Council meeting on 10 September 2014.
  - **Policy Site 6** – the Cabinet Member for Planning and Infrastructure advised that he was attending a meeting with Nick Gibb MP to request the County Council to honour its commitment to provide a new educational facility rather than just expand the Downview School.
  - **Butlins and Watersports Centre** – it was agreed that the Assistant Director of Planning and Economic Regeneration would invite Butlins to a meeting of the Subcommittee in the New Year to advise on their investment plans for the future.
  - **Town Centre Initiatives** – The EDM advised that the final cleaning and coating of paving in London Road was due to start in a few weeks. Favourable comments had been received regarding the public realm improvements from both residents and retailers. Work on Phase 2 of the project, Station Square, had been funded from the Coastal Communities Fund £1.65m grant from central government and was due to commence in the autumn following a tendering exercise to appoint a contractor to deliver the scheme. The scheme had to be completed to a set timescale.
- She was also pleased to advise that discussions with Southern Rail regarding their plans to improve the station were progressing well and it was hoped that a more detailed update would be provided for the next meeting.
- **Hotham Park Café** – Planning permission had been granted on 27 August 2014. The contract had been placed with Falcon Homes and project build costs were within budget. Work would start on site by the end of September 2014 with an anticipated opening in the Spring of 2015. A preferred operator had been selected and legal matters and the lease agreement were being finalised.



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A question was asked that, when approving the supplementary estimate of up to £140,000 for the café, it had been agreed that the Leader and the Chairman of the Subcommittee would be looking at the costs to ensure these would be kept to the minimum and had that been done?. The Chairman advised that he and the Leader had scrutinised the costs and some saving had been identified but the full amount was still required for contingency purposes as the project had not yet commenced on site. However, he was confident that the high quality design and specification of the build would provide an exceptional asset for the town

- **Old Town Creative hub** – a request was made that the Bognor Regis Pier Trust and other local groups be kept fully informed of progress.
- **Transport and Car Parking** – Discussion took place on steps that could be taken to ensure a TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) was put in place for the London Road precinct.

The Subcommittee noted the remainder of the report.

(The meeting concluded at 8.10 pm)

## Bognor Regis Regeneration Position Statement – 10<sup>th</sup> December 2014

Site	Status update
<b>Enterprise Bognor Regis</b>	<p>Enterprise Bognor Regis (EBR) comprises a series of commercial/industrial Strategic Land Allocations situated north of Bognor Regis straddling the A29. The aim is to make the sites ready and attractive for early development to accelerate business and employment growth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nov 2014</b> - Rolls Royce Motor Cars Ltd have been given planning permission to build their new 30,000 m<sup>2</sup> Technology and Logistics Centre on the Oldlands Farm site. Work has started on site and they expect to occupy the new premises from early 2016. Rolls Royce, as the anchor tenant of EBR, will be a great boost and encourage further developer and occupier interest in the other parts of the site. Discussions have continued with Coast to Capital LEP to identify funding options for a possible North / South Link road to open up the Airfield Park site. This is part of the Enterprise Zone proposals. A decision on this is expected in December. The Local Development Order for 3 of the sites, which will accelerate and simplify the planning process for future developments, continues to progress. A publicity brochure and website for the site is being prepared.</li> <li>• <b>Sept 2014</b> - Government announced Local Growth Deal decisions June, £13m allocated for A29 improvements, business case required.</li> <li>• <b>May 2014</b> - Enterprise Zone status proposal submitted to government as part of the C2C LEP Strategic Economic Plan, including a bid for funding to support a new link road into the former LEC Airfield site.</li> <li>• <b>Nov 2013</b> – Planning application for first phase development at Oldlands Farm submitted by Hanbury.</li> <li>• <b>July 2013</b> – WSP Environmental Ltd commissioned to lead on preparation of Local Development Order.</li> <li>• <b>Oct 2012</b> - Major Projects Officer employed to deliver this work.</li> <li>• <b>March 2012</b> - NLP report recommends positioning the site as well as possible via new planning policy, de-risking and marketing the site actively.</li> <li>• <b>February 2012</b> - Bognor Regis awarded £600,000 from WSCC to progress employment sites.</li> </ul>

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<b>Regis and Hothamton sites</b>	<p>The Council owns two key regeneration sites at the Regis Centre and Hothamton car park and is seeking to develop them to get maximum benefit for the town.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nov 2014</b> – On the 10th September Arun District Council and St Modwen agreed to jointly surrender the Development Agreement for these sites. The Council intends to submit its own planning applications for the Regis Centre site, including Place St Maur, and the Hothamton sites. This will follow extensive public consultation. Consultation has recently started and an open invitation has been offered to organisations and interested parties to submit a proposal for consideration by the Council. These proposals must be submitted by 1st February 2015.</li> <li>• <b>Jan 2013</b> - Public consultation elicited over 4000 survey responses, also Wavelength Panel and independent market research study. Key issues raised: car parking and Picturedrome sustainability</li> <li>• <b>March 2012</b> - Extension to Development Agreement of 18 months agreed by Full Council March 2012.</li> <li>• <b>February 2012</b> – St Modwens believe they can develop viable proposals for both sites.</li> </ul>
<b>Policy Site 6</b>	<p>Policy Site 6 is a large housing development running from Felpham to North Bersted. It includes 1350 homes (30% affordable) being delivered by several developers, public open space, commercial land, community buildings in Felpham and Bersted and a relief road to take traffic off A259.</p> <p><b>Relief Road: Nov 2014</b> – Construction of the £26m Bognor Northern Relief Road is progressing well. The 179 concrete beams for the viaduct over the railway line are in the process of being delivered and installed. Work on this major and complex stage of the scheme should be completed by next February. This section of the relief road will open in the middle of 2015.</p> <p><b>Felpham: Barratts, David Wilson &amp; Bovis (latest figures June 2014 as below)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>July 2014</b> - Total commencements 483, total occupations 410, including 209 affordable dwellings.</li> <li>• <b>Dec 2013</b> - Total commencements 384, total occupations 339, of which 173 are affordable homes. WSCC favour expanding Downview School over building a new school, discussions continue. Community facility due to open by early 2015. Issues with dead-end road being opened up to buses via a bus gate.</li> <li>• <b>Nov 2011</b> - Total commencements 145, total occupations 68, of which 36 are affordable</li> </ul> <p><b>North Bersted: Berkeley Homes &amp; Persimmon (no update for a year)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nov 2013</b> - Total completions 387 (April 2013). The high spec community facility (under Inspire Leisure management), MUGA and play area is now open and programme of events in place</li> <li>• <b>Oct 2012</b> – Parish Council not taking on community centre due to potential running costs</li> <li>• <b>Nov 2011</b> - Total commencements 274, total occupations 125, of which 62 are affordable homes.</li> </ul>

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<b>Seafront Strategy</b>	<p>The Seafront Strategy was adopted in 2009. It maps the existing seafront and environs, and sets out an action plan to improve and enhance what is the jewel in the Bognor Regis crown. The Plan covers street scene and public realm, seafront businesses and attractions and transport considerations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nov 2014</b> – Report to Sept meeting updated Committee and set out future work plan. ‘Beach on the Beach’ project will be progressed for delivery in spring 2015.</li> <li>• <b>July 2013</b> - Cycling on the prom signage in place. Work towards Seafront Action Plan commenced with public consultation, key stakeholder workshop, new Concessions Strategy and new public realm designs.</li> <li>• <b>Sept 2012</b> – Draft Leisure Strategy majors on seafront improvements.</li> <li>• <b>May 2012</b> – Concessions Strategy approved.</li> </ul>
<b>University of Chichester</b>	<p>The University has a campus in both Chichester and Bognor Regis, with strong links into the local community and wider regeneration of Bognor Regis, including providing facilities for businesses such as hot-desking, meeting space and incubator units.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nov 2014</b> - The University have submitted their business case to Coast to Capital for Growth Deal funding for a new £10m Engineering and Digital Technology Park on their Bognor Regis Campus. The outcome of this is expected in Dec.</li> <li>• <b>Sept 2014</b> - University working up their business case linking with Enterprise Zone proposal</li> <li>• <b>May 2014</b> – The University have submitted a joint proposal with ADC for EZ Status at EBR.</li> <li>• <b>July 2013</b> - University leading on town centre-based shared workspace project using £50k Kickstart funds.</li> <li>• <b>March 2012</b> – New Learning Resource Centre open.</li> <li>• <b>August 2011</b> – The Dome is now open and facilities are being used by businesses.</li> </ul>
<b>Butlin’s and Watersports Centre</b>	<p>Butlin’s has transformed much of their accommodation from chalets into modern hotels. This has changed the type of customer coming to Butlin’s, and also what they want to do on holiday.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nov 2014</b> – Currently awaiting an update from Butlin’s.</li> <li>• <b>Sept 2014</b> – A verbal update will be given at the next Regeneration Sub Committee</li> <li>• <b>July 2013</b> –LDO to allow Butlin’s to build small extensions, kiosks, small funfair rides etc without needing planning permission approved late July</li> <li>• <b>Jan 2013</b> - ADC continues dialogue with Butlin’s on future developments.</li> <li>• <b>Aug 2012</b> – Wave Hotel opened in July with good reviews, including much national coverage.</li> <li>• <b>May 2012</b> - Building continues on the Wave hotel which is due to open in July, and advance bookings are strong, reported at 80% for the forthcoming season.</li> </ul>

Site	Status update
<b>BT Building, Gloucester Road</b>	<p>The BT Exchange Building sits at a key gateway to the town on the corner of the High Street and Gloucester Road towards the seafront. The building is unattractive and poorly maintained, and the grounds overgrown, and this is particularly obvious as work has been done to uplift the appearance of the surrounding area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nov 2014</b> – Building improvements pursued using S215 powers. Middleton Exchange upgraded via S215</li> <li>• <b>Sept 2014</b> – meadow planting looks great. Pursuing building maintenance via Section 215 powers</li> <li>• <b>May 2014</b> – meadow planting beds in situ sown with poppies for WW1 commemoration</li> <li>• <b>Jan 2013</b> – BT agreed to meadow planting for 2014 season; works in hand autumn 2013.</li> <li>• <b>Aug 2012</b> – BT has declined both planting &amp; car parking schemes. Negotiations continuing</li> <li>• <b>February 2012</b> – Proposed planting/car park scheme with BT land agents, funding from various sources in place to progress immediately if permission is given. it would also be desirable to improve the buildings</li> <li>• <b>November 2010</b> - BRRTF met with BT property agents about future use of site &amp; buildings</li> </ul>
<b>Town Centre Initiatives</b>	<p>A vibrant and appealing town centre offer of shops and public realm is a key draw for both residents and visitors. Work to enhance this carried out in partnership with Bognor Regis Town Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nov 2014</b> - Town Centre Manager attending meeting to present to Sub Committee his future work plan and proposals.</li> <li>• <b>Sept 2014</b> – London Road precinct complete bar snagging. Town Centre Manager engaged with many local businesses and partner agencies, has presented outline workplan to Traders for comments. New shops opening in the town including one moving from Chichester. Empty shops core area: 9/113 empty = 8%, wider area: 27/266 empty = 10.5%.</li> <li>• <b>May 2014</b> – New Town Centre Manager, Toyubur Rahman started. Precinct public realm to be complete July 2014, Coastal Communities Fund award £1.65m for town centre public realm scheme commenced; Station Square being delivered winter 2014-15. Section 215 Officer at Arun DC approaching town centre building owners to improve the appearance and upkeep of their premises. Empty shops core area: 11/113 empty = 9.7%, wider area: 32/266 empty = 12%.</li> <li>• <b>Nov 2013</b> – Empty shops core area: 8/113 empty = 7.1%, wider area: 28/266 empty = 10.5%.</li> <li>• <b>July 2013</b> – TCM funding in place. New paving, seating, lighting, signage to be delivered to London Road precinct by 2014 season.</li> <li>• <b>Sept 2012</b> – Portas bid awarded £10,000 for Traders/Public Realm.</li> <li>• <b>Aug 2012</b> - Traders Association progressing. Public Realm Project Group formed. Empty shops in July core area: 7/112 empty = 6.3%, wider area: 32/264 empty = 12.1%.</li> <li>• <b>May 2012</b> - £100k Public Realm S106 funding awarded. Empty Spaces report started.</li> </ul>

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<b>Hotham Park – new cafe</b>	<p>The Park previously benefited from Heritage Lottery funding that transformed facilities and layout. Currently there is an Arun DC concession selling snack food during summer daytime and winter weekends, however a new, high quality, year-round café-restaurant is planned for the Park.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nov 2014</b> - Planning permission approved, building work commenced on site, local operator from Lobster Pot announced.</li> <li>• <b>Sept 2014</b> – Building contractor appointed, planning committee August. Operator tenders received.</li> <li>• <b>May 2014</b> – Design and Build café building being commissioned by Arun DC, café operator to be sought by tender in June 2014. It is hoped cafe will be open by Spring 2015.</li> <li>• <b>September 2010</b> – Cabinet approved the development of a new café-restaurant in Hotham Park.</li> </ul>
<b>Old Town Creative Hub</b>	<p>The Old Town area around Norfolk Street is becoming the creative hub of the town. There is privately funded development work being undertaken here which will enhance the appearance and offer of the area. The provision of artists' display and workspace brings vibrancy and different footfall.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nov 2014</b> - Working Group is being led by the Bognor Regis Town Centre Manager. Key aims of the group are to pedestrianise Little High Street and Norfolk Street, and foster cultural/creative quarter feel by running regular markets/events in Norfolk Street.</li> <li>• <b>Sept 2014</b> – A working group of key stakeholders focused on this area will be facilitated to ensure a co-ordinated and holistic delivery plan for the area is created.</li> <li>• <b>July 2013</b> – Cloudhopper Gallery opened July 2013, providing professional display and workspace, and hub for creative community. Also running regular well-attended community workshops</li> <li>• <b>March 2012</b> – Community Arts venue being secured in ex-United Reform Church by Barry Jones</li> <li>• <b>February 2012</b> – Several community groups exploring alternative working artists venues.</li> </ul>
<b>Railway Station</b>	<p>The Station occupies a key position in the town. It has vacant buildings and is identified site for improvement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nov 2014</b> – Initial plans for refurbishment of the Station coming forward from Southern Rail. Vision is to protect and enhance the heritage of the listed building while making it fit for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Co-ordination is in place between this project and Station Square public realm.</li> <li>• <b>Nov 2013</b> – Railways agreed to do a 5 year improvement plan for station.</li> <li>• <b>July 2013</b> – Butlin's in negotiations with railways to use buildings for Butlin's Archive display</li> </ul>

Site	Status update
<b>Bognor Regis Regeneration Board</b>	<p>The Board comprises the key regeneration agencies in the town. The Board employs their own Regeneration Advisor and sets out priority work areas for partners.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nov 2014</b> – Ron Crank from Coast to Capital L EP attended last meeting to update Board on Local Growth Deal. New website for the board launched in Oct. <a href="http://www.bognorregisregenerationboard.com/">http://www.bognorregisregenerationboard.com/</a></li> <li>• <b>Sept 2014</b> – Board objectives and membership reviewed</li> <li>• <b>May 2014</b> - Richard McMann has retired, Board has appointed David Myers as new Regeneration Advisor</li> <li>• <b>Nov 2013</b> – Priorities agreed for next 2 years. Support arrangements post April 2014 to be agreed.</li> </ul>
<b>Transport and Car Parking</b>	<p>Transport is a key element of development within the town as is car parking, and it is essential to ensure co-ordination with, and consideration of these issues as part of the development process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nov 2014</b> - JWAAC approved proposed London Road TRO for advertising on 17<sup>th</sup> September.</li> <li>• <b>Sept 2014</b> – Town Centre public realm scheme is largely on Highways, involves Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) changes, so JWAAC Highways and Transport and JWAAC will be kept informed and involved throughout. London Road proposed TRO changes approved at consultation by all stakeholders. This is now with WSCC for formalising.</li> <li>• <b>May 2014</b> – WSCC Parking Review proposing paid for residents and visitors parking. Chair and Leader write to WSCC expressing concerns</li> <li>• <b>Nov 2013</b> – JWAAC decision re: High Street is to improve the existing traffic flow scheme. Hothampton car park added to 2 hour free parking scheme.</li> <li>• <b>July 2013</b> – WSCC Infrastructure Plan allocation of £300k to deliver High Street in 2015-16. Public realm project aims to make London Road precinct largely traffic free. Additional car parking study to Regen Sub.</li> <li>• <b>February 2012</b> – Meeting held with WSCC; Transport Plan sidelined as based on old St Modwens proposals. Local issues via JWAAC, strategic issues via WSCC and ADC Local Plan.</li> </ul>